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SUBJECT: 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE (ILC)

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1. AMBASSADOR, WHO JUST RETURNED FROM CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON, INTENDS TO PRESENT USG VIEWS ON ILO TO FOREIGN MINISTER AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. WE WILL REPORT GOT REACTION TO DEPARTMENT AND MISSION GENEVA WHEN AMBASSADOR HAS SEEN FONMIN.

2. AFTER RECEIPT OF DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEMARCHE ON ILO, WE AGAIN DISCUSSED US CONCERNS OVER ILO WITH GENERAL UNION OF TUNISIAN WORKERS (UGTT) SECRETARY GENERAL HABIB ACHOUR. WE EMPHASIZED BROAD NATURE OF US DISATISFACTION WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN ILO IN RECENT YEARS AND MADE POINT THAT OUR LETTER OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW WAS NOT MOTIVATED SOLELY BY MIDDLE EAST ISSUES. WE NOTED THAT USG IS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT ONE-SIDEDNESS IN ILO INVESTIGATIONS AND CONDEMNATIONS OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF LABOR RIGHTS. ACHOUR SAID THAT HE FULLY SUPPORTS UNBIASED ENFORCEMENT OF ILO STANDARDS IN ALL COUNTRIES,

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WHETHER THEY BE IN THE COMMUNIST BLOC OR NOT. HE ADDED THAT HE DOES NOT WANT TO SEE THE U.S. PULL OUT OF THE ILO.

3. TUNISIAN WORKER DELEGATE ON ILO GOVERNMENT BOARD (MUSTAPHA MAKHLOUF) WAS WASHED OUT OF UGTT EXECUTIVE BOARD DURING THE ORGANIZATION'S QUADRENNIAL CONGRESS HELD LAST MARCH. HE WILL PROBABLY BE REPLACED IN GENEVA BY UGTT ASSISTANT SECRETARY

GENERAL SADOK ALLOUCHE WHO IS WELL KNOWN TO U.S. WORKER DELEGATE
IRVING BROWN. WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT ALLOUCHE WILL BE A
MORE AGREEABLE DELEGATE TO DEAL WITH THAN WAS MAKHLOUF AND MAY MAKE
IT EASIER FOR U.S. OFFICIALS TO REACH ACCORD WITH TUNISIANS
DURING 63RD ILC. WE UNDERSTAND THAT UGTT PLANS TO PLAY
EXPANDED ROLE THIS YEAR IN GENEVA.
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